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HAVE you seen our Almanac? Send ten cents for a copy.

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THERE are now in progress a number of very successful revival meetings in the brotherhood and souls are being saved.

ALL over the brotherhood we hear of accessions to the church. Pastors, please see that these young converts take their church paper. It will make your work much easier.

WE have on hand the manuscript for a tract on Feet Washing, by brother D. C. Moomaw, of Roanoke, Va. This is a tract much needed and we will publish it at our earliest convenience.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are coming in quite lively, and we trust our agents and readers in general, will not relax their energy until the 3000 mark is reached. It *can be done* and what *can be done*, *ought* to be done.

WHY not distribute several hundred copies of "Satan's Taffy Dishes," in your Sabbath-schools? It is an excellent little four-page tract, with a suggestive illustration on the first page. Ten cents per dozen, forty cents per 100.

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THE question of women delegates has of late years been agitated in the Methodist Episcopal church. So far the women have been denied a seat in the Conferences. Bishop Goodsell says: "The voting in the Annual Conferences shows that if the same changes in the ministerial vote obtain in the spring as in the fall Conferences, the women will be constitutionally admitted, not by the so-called Hamilton amendment, on which some Conferences have declined to vote, but by the direct method, as expressed in the Baltimore—Colorado proposition." Certainly it will come. The Brethren church has been "there," from the beginning, and the great Methodist church, surely will not much longer oppose that which must inevitably come.

FIVE DONT'S. The *Reformed Church Messenger* gives five dont's for its readers all of which will apply with equal force to our own church. Instead of "Messenger," insert "Evangelist."

1. Don't forget the publisher of your paper when settling up accounts of the past year! 2. Don't let another day go by without making a strong effort to secure one or more new subscribers! 3. Don't in your looking about you how you might economize, think you can do without the church paper! 4. Don't deprive your family of the weekly visits of the Messenger, as you do not know how much they will miss it, and what a great loss it will be to them! 5. Don't let your subscription remain unpaid year after year, as it will be all the harder to pay for it; from year to year will be far better and easier!

OUR Sabbath-school papers, *Cheering Words* and *Our Little Folks*, for the month of February, have been printed and mailed.

It requires a great deal of courage for a high official to speak words as plain as those recently uttered by Mayor Swift of Chicago. Indeed, we have hope for municipal reform when men no longer fear to speak the truth. It was at a banquet given in the interests of municipal reforms, by the leading citizens of Chicago, when the Mayor uttered these blunt, but indisputable facts:—Who is it that comes into the common council and asks for such privileges? Who is it who are accused of offering bribes for such franchises? It is the same ones—the prominent citizens. I tell you these questions come home. Talk about anarchy; talk about breeding the spirit of communism! What does it more than the representative citizens of Chicago? Your high-toned business men, your patriotic men, your prominent citizens of Chicago, are the men who knock at the door of the council and ask for illegal franchises. It is not the common people. Who bribes the common council? It is not men in the common walks of life. It is men in your own walks of life, sitting by your firesides, at your clubs. Is it men in the common walks of life who demand bribes and who receive bribes from the hands of the legislative bodies or the common council? No. It is your representative citizens, your capitalists, your business men. Who is responsible for the condition of affairs in the city of Chicago? Your representative business men. If an assessor grows rich while in office, with whom does he divide? Not with the common people. He divides with the man who tempts him to make a low assessment; not the man who has the humble little home, but the capitalist and the business man. These are plain words, but they are true.

A MISTAKE is apt to attract more attention to us than a virtue.